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I am trying to find the time to read all of the documents but have not had the time.
I am for MPA's in a limited fashion. I am not sure if your at this point in the talks but...
I talk with fishermen all day to help with running electronic gear and many times I hear of where a one of them had accidentally drifted into a MPA and all of the gear and fish were confiscated. Engines can die or gear get tangled and with wind and currents you end up where you do not want to be. It is for this reason I would like to propose a warning zone where the penalty for being there is less, maybe just a monitorial fee but do not take their gear. The sad thing that happens there is the fish rot in the hold and does nobody any good. The size of the zone should be determined by allowable drift of some kind but I would recommend at least a 1000 feet. When they end up to far in the zone and the fish are confiscated, I propose that the fish be sold and the proceeds to go to fund the enforcement of the MPA's. I just hate to see the fish go to waste and some times the fishermen are let go and yet they still loose their catch.

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